

ABSTRACT

AL-IB-063

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(142)

1767 (first set 1902)

Bellegrove, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(142) marks an irregular distance on / ^{Mason and Dixon's} 230.228-mile West Line, ^{the provincial boundary} later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. It is an original milestone of 1767; ^{is an embellished colitic limestone post} quarried and carved in England; ^{measures about 11½ inches square} is in excellent condition, unaltered, / and stands about 1 foot above ground at a new site on the Line where first set in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments in the thematic group series of some 248 markers still defining the West Line. Locally, as one of only 8 original monuments / ^{out of 37} marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, it is also significant as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Survey No. AL-IB-063

Magi No.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 142)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER west side of Hixon Road/T-302

CITY, TOWN

Bellegrove

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Allegany / PA: Fulton

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | N/A | PRESENT USE |
|--|--|---|-----|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

AL-IB-063 entered 6/2/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site (2) |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. --- (142), an original milestone of 1767, marks a new site on Mason and Dixon's West Line, as established and first set in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is one of eight of these original monuments found by the Resurvey in the vicinity of Clear Spring, MD, and set along this ^{Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county} part of the line. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, measures about 11½ inches square, stands about 1 foot above ground, is firmly set, and though close to the road is well protected by an old wood fencepost.

The area here is open farmland, sparsely settled, part of an ^{north-south} unnamed ridge ^{about midway} between Sideling Hill and Town Hill, less than ½ mile west of Sideling Hill Creek. The site is located about 1½ miles northwest of the scattered settlement of Bellegrave, MD, and about 1½ miles south-southeast of the area known as Barnes Gap, PA, ^{within Election District 1 of Allegany Co., MD, and Union Twp. of Fulton Co., PA;} about 8 feet from the west edge of Dixon Road/T-302, ^{which runs along the ridge} about 3 feet above road grade level, against an old wood fencepost between two cultivated fields, in a tangled nest of blackberry bushes, well camouflaged, but can be seen from the road all seasons.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, is an oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, originally measuring about 12 inches square by about 4 feet or more long, cut to stand about 3 feet high with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing embellishments are the vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, and the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk in the center of a plain shallow circle panel near the top. It now measures about 11½ inches square and stands several ^{inches} less than its height when first set in 1902. The letters and circle panels are clear and intact; most fluting and margins remain, as do the top planes with their fluting converging at a well-defined apex. There are small ^{minor} chips along all edges and the top corners; and signs of weathering on the south and west sides.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|-------------|---|---|---|--|
| PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| X 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| X 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | X EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| X 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | X POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | X OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (milestone)
1902 (first set) BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Bellegrove (Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1951 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 72680, northing 440010

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Allegany

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY Fulton

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey 6/1/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

DATE

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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5363 1/4 SW
(CHANEYSVILLE)

(143) (ORIG H&D MEN.
Set 1902)

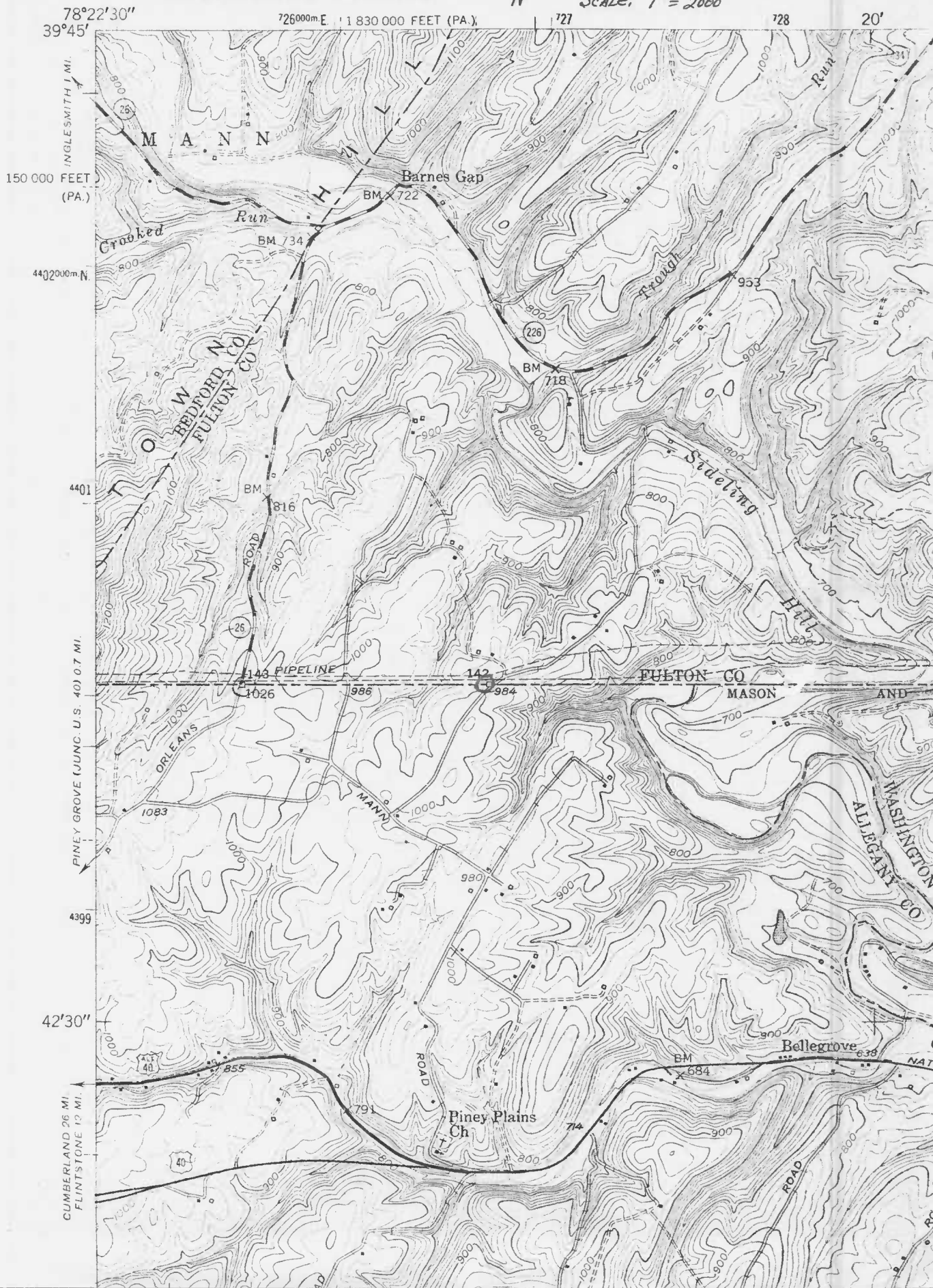
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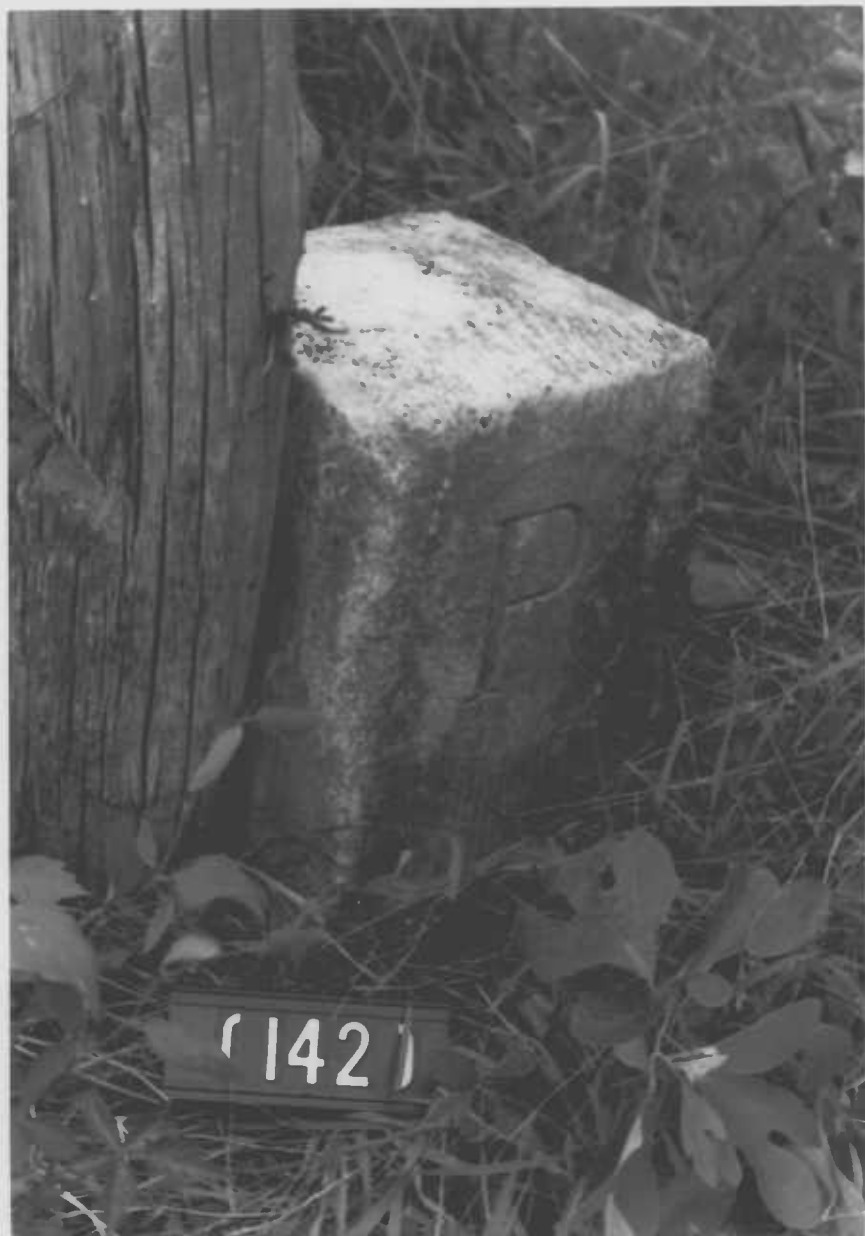
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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BELLE GROVE QUADRANGLE 1951 (PHOTO REV. 1974)
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SCALE: 1" = 2000'





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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (142)
NE CORNER (1/P)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 6/1/81 (1981.19.28)



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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (142)
SW CORNER (—14)

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